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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY BANGUI

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

S E C R E T KHARTOUM 2996

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR SU LY

SUBJECT: SUDANESE CONCERN AT LIBYAN MACHINATIONS

1. DURING MEETING WITH PRIMIN BAKR OCT 13, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN RE LIBYAN INITIATIVES VIS-A-VIS BOTH ETHIOPIA AND CAR. LIBYAN MINISTER, FNU TURAIGI HAD ARRIVED ADDIS OCT 12. BAKR TOOK THIS AS LATEST INDICATION OF EVOLVING CLOSE LIBYAN/EPMG RELATIONSHIP. WITH RESPECT TO CAR, BOKASSA (WHO TALKED WITH NIMEIRI DURING HIS KHARTOUM TRANSIT TO CAIRO SEVERAL DAYS AGO) IS INTERESTED IN RECEIVING LIBYAN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. I ASKED WHETHER NIMEIRI HAD MADE EFFORT DISSUADE BOKASSA FROM ANY RASH MOVES IN DIRECTION GREATER CAR/GOL COLLABORATION. BAKR INDICATED THAT NIMEIRI HAD DONE SO BUT SAID THAT REASONED APPROACHES UNLIKELY INFLUENCE BOKASSA AS LONG AS HE THOUGHT HE COULD OBTAIN LIBYAN FINANCIAL HELP. PRIMIN CONCLUDED THAT PRESENT STATUS REGIONAL RELATIONSHIPS REQUIRED CAREFUL HANDLING AND THAT POLICY OF GOS AND ITS EGYPTIAN AND SAUDI FRIENDS WOULD HAVE TO BE BOTH SOPHISTICATED AND SUBTLE TO COUNTER WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS "ACTIVITIES BY LIBYA AND RUSSIA".

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION EITHER ON TURAIGI VISIT TO ADDIS OR EXTENT ANY POSSIBLE LIBYAN ASSISTANCE TO
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CAR. WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL ANY BACKGROUND THAT DEPT OR

ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE IN ORDER ASSIST IN CONTINUING
DIALOGUE WITH TOP GOS OFFICIALS RE THEIR PROFESSED REGIONAL
SECURITY CONCERNS.
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